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Availability of Seeds and Fertilizers
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the arrangements made by the Government to make available seeds and fertilizers on time to the farmers of various States including Rajasthan to increase the agricultural production; and

(b) the details of the new varieties of the seeds and fertilizers which are available to the farmers of various States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a)& (b): The total certified / quality seeds availability is 153.69 lakh quintals against the requirement of 140.43 lakhs quintals in the country including Rajasthan for Kharif 2016. The crop wise details are at Annexure-I. The details of the new varieties of seeds available to the farmers of various States are at Annexure-II.

Government ensures availability of fertilizers at the state level and the distribution to the farmers within the State at printed MRPs is the responsibility of the respective State Government.

The month-wise demand of fertilizers is assessed and projected by the Department of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) in consultation with the State Governments before commencement of each cropping season.

On the basis of month-wise & state-wise projection given by DAC&FW, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/adequate quantities of fertilizers at subsidized rates in time to all States/UTs including Rajasthan by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability.

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The following steps are being taken by the Government to make available Chemical fertilizers (Urea, DAP, MOP & NPK) on time to the farmers:

(i) The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system (www.urvarak.co.in) also called as Fertilizer Monitoring System (FMS).

(ii) The State Governments are regularly advised to coordinate with manufacturers and importers of fertilizers for streamlining the supplies through timely placement of indents for railway rakes through their state institutional agencies like Markfed etc.

(iii) Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), Department of Fertilizers (DoF), and Ministry of Railways with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicated by the State Governments.